

MALAXA, Nicolae

Known to have gained his considerable fortune in close cooperation with King Carol and then to have assisted in financing the Iron Guard secretly behind King Carol's back. Early in his career Carol gave Malaxa money to invest. Was deprived of his dominant status by the Germans but regained it later. He is considered entirely unscrupulous, turning with the wind, and, like a cat, has developed to a high art the knack of landing on his feet. He is considered to be essentially a dangerous type of man from the standpoint of being an opponent of a truly democratic regime in the country.

A former Rumanian minister, highly considered by the Russians, stated to an American friend that Malaxa was the most perfidious man in Rumania. Malaxa claims to be anti-Russian and anti-Communist and yet reports all his talks with the British and Americans to the Russians and the Communists. The information was corroborated by another reliable anti-Nazi sub-source who worked for the Allies during the war. The latter stated Malaxa reestablished himself with the Russian and the Rumanian Communists through Gheorghiu.

Malaxa, of Greek extraction, reported to have been born in 1883 at Barlad, Moldavia, and for 20 years a key figure in Rumanian political and economic life, has had a technical education and is recognized as an able, well-trained man in technical fields.

Malaxa, a supporter of the Iron Guard, especially of the faction led by Horia Sima, was one of the strongest advocates of German domination of Rumania. Why, in view of his background, Malaxa should be accepted by Communist regime in Rumania, is one of the hard things to explain. There is a rumor saying Malaxa, like Apsnit, has given vast sums to the support of the Communist Party.

Under the Communist dominated regime in 1945, evidence points to a deal made between Malaxa and the Communists whereby he was reimbursed for losses suffered to the extent of \$2,500,000, which was split privately with the Communists.

Knowing that Malaxa was the chief pro-Nazi agent in Rumania under King Carol, that he was afterwards one of the chief sustainers of the Iron Guard, and that he works now in close contact with Rumanian Communists and with Mihail Ralea, Rumanian Minister to Washington, it seems obvious to some Rumanians abroad that a person in such close relationship with Malaxa as Tilca should not be included in a RNC.

It appears now that there also exists a contact between Malaxa and General Radescu. Malaxa seems to have promised ample financial support for any Rumanian political emigre movement abroad under General

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Radescu. He would thus be able to exert a powerful influence on this movement and might use this influence according to Communist instructions. At the same time he would be able to give ample information to Mihai Ralea, or even directly to the Soviet Embassy. On the other hand, in the event of Rumania's liberation, Malaxa would be able to pretend that his collaboration with the Communists was not sincere and that he really worked for Rumanian patriots, as proved by the financial support he gave to General Radescu and his friends.